

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2005. In the Office Action, Claims 2-10 and 21 were allowed. Claims 11-13 and 15-20 were rejected as being anticipated by a newly discovered reference to Rodgers (U.S. Patent No. 5,364,053). Claims 11-13 and 15-20 were also rejected as being indefinite. Claims 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, and 20 were indicated as including patentable subject matter.

As per the Examiner's suggestions, Claims 11 and 15 have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. Claim 11 (and Claim 15 by its dependence on Claim 11) is directed to a subcombination, namely the apparatus, and not to the combination of the apparatus and a cap. A cap is recited in the claims for context only, and not as a positive limitation of the claimed apparatus. Claims 19 and 20 are believed to be definite in their present form. Claim 19 simply states that the retaining structure is further shaped with an intermediate bend forming a space that accommodates a feature of the cap. A cap is not positively recited in the claim. Likewise, Claim 20 simply states that the intermediate bend forms a space that accommodates a vent in the cap. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 11-13 and 15-20 are definite and meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the patentable subject matter of Claim 12. Claim 12 has thus been canceled. Claim 11 is now in patentable condition, as are Claims 13 and 15-20 which depend from Claim 11.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claim 21. Claim 21 has been amended to remove subject matter that is not considered pertinent to patentability and to insert text consistent with Claim 13 of the application. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 21 remains patentable over the prior art, as does Claims 2-10 which depend from Claim 21.

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Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims is requested. Should the Examiner have any concerns needing resolution prior to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

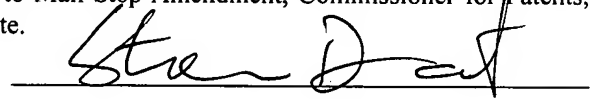
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